

Reflective Journal

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I have limited awareness of political events and have not participated in any political voting. I am not a US citizen, so I am not allowed to participate in elections. I am familiar with presidential polls and national elections, but I have not followed any local or state elections. I have not been engaged in any political discussions and keep a low profile on politics. However, I am interested in how nursing and politics interlock together.

I have a good understanding of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of government at the national level and how the Senate and Congress work. However, I haven't had the opportunity to learn about local and state governments yet. At the federal level, I have closely observed policies such as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), various legislative efforts aimed at negotiating Medicaid prices and reducing pharmaceutical drug costs. While I am not aware of recent policies aimed at nursing and education, I have been following policies regarding healthcare. There is currently a nursing shortage, and the quality of healthcare is deteriorating. This issue has been recognized at the federal level, but there has been no legislative action to address it. I am not aware of any policies that address this issue.

As I have limited knowledge about healthcare politics and no awareness of the politics surrounding nursing and nursing education. My goal in this class is to learn more about politics surrounding nursing and nursing education, and the policies that impact patients, the medical profession, and hospitals.

As a nurse practitioner, I would like to stay up to date with nursing education and nursing policy. I want to stay informed of nursing policies and regulations at the federal, state, and local levels. My goal is to improve my understanding of politics at the regional, state, and local levels, while advocating for policies that promote nursing education, support for nurses, and overall quality healthcare.